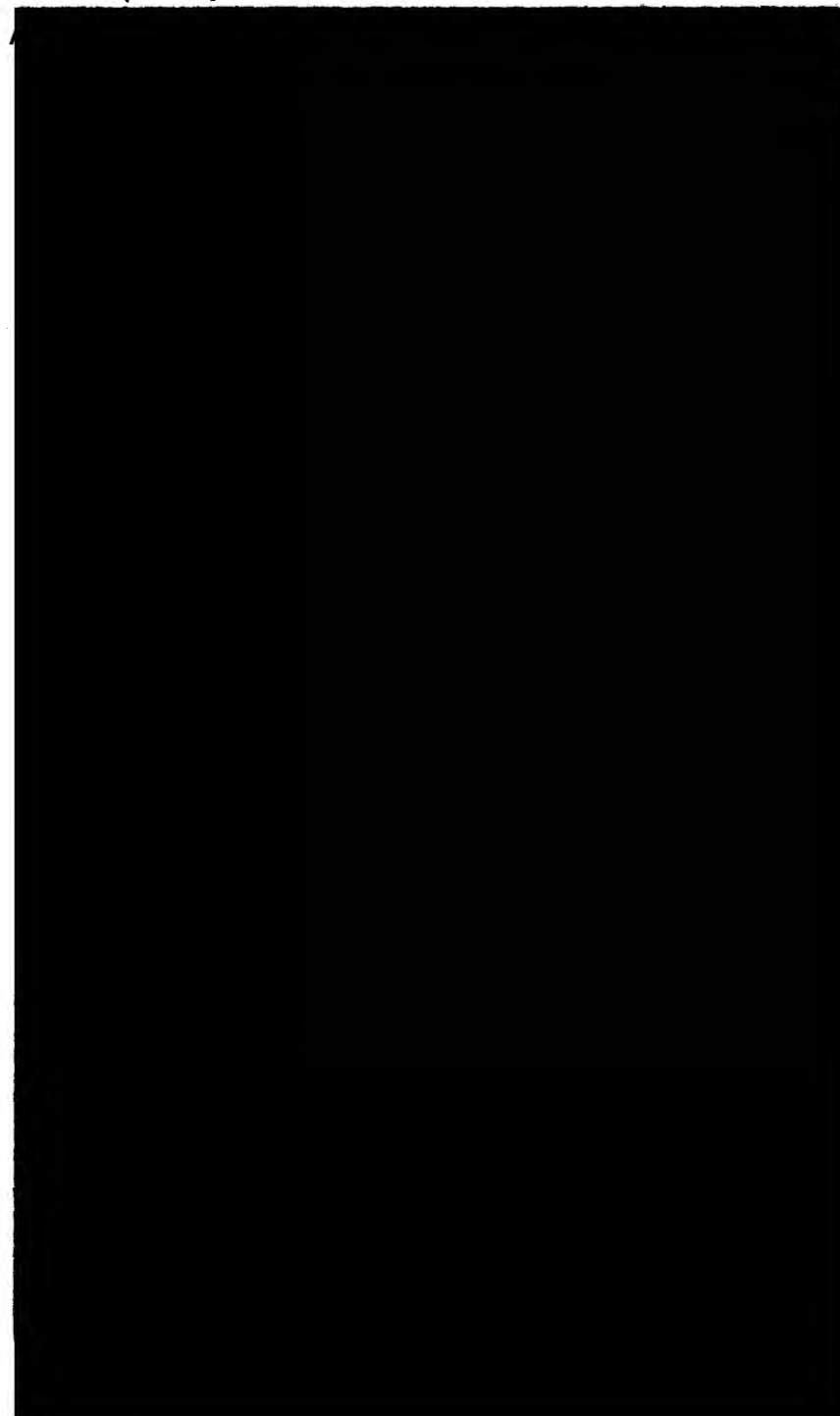


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DIRECTOR'S NOTE

A few days ago I completed my first year as DCI. It seems impossible to me that a whole year has gone by, but I look back upon it with great pleasure and satisfaction. Some of the things that stand out in my mind are:

a. We are seeing a real use and appreciation of our end product--intelligence estimates and evaluations. We are all cognizant of the President's numerous comments on the value of the President's Daily Brief (PDB), our weekly oral briefings, and other support to him. We have recently been taking a survey of other top Administration officials on their reactions to both the PDB and the National Intelligence Daily, and all are high in praise of these publications. Similarly, we provided the Congress more substantive intelligence briefings this year than ever before--about 170. Beyond that we have released an average of two unclassified publications a week for the benefit of the general public. All of these distributions of our product are continuing to uphold the high reputation of the Agency for the quality of its work and are serving truly important purposes.

b. During the past year we have successfully negotiated the Presidential decision and implementing Executive Order on the reorganization of the intelligence community. Essentially, this leaves the Agency with its same central role in our national intelligence endeavors. The only significant Agency organizational change associated with the community reorganization has been the merger of the NIOs and the DDI into the National Foreign Assessment Center. This has proceeded smoothly and is proving to be a more effective and efficient way of utilizing our analytic assets. The new community offices of Collection Tasking and Resource Management are sorting themselves out from the former Intelligence Community Staff office, but there will not be a major impact of this change in the Agency's operations. Hence, the time has come when we can redirect our interests and attention from organizational matters back to getting on with the job.

c. During the past year we have faced up to the difficult problem of paring the DDO down to a more workable size. I have promised that notifications of all reductions for both Fiscal Year 78 and 79 will be made before the first of June. We anticipate meeting that date readily. At the same time, I am pleased that our latest projections for

normal attrition are higher than we had anticipated. As a result, we will only have to request the departure of a very modest number of people to achieve our total reduction of [REDACTED] by the end of FY 1979. [REDACTED]

d. While there is, in my opinion, still a residual distrust of intelligence activities, deriving largely from the unfavorable publicity past covert actions have received, there is no question in my mind that we are performing today as the country wants us to. With time and patience, that distrust will be largely eliminated. Overall, I believe we can count on a strong and basic support throughout the country and the continuation of an intelligence capability second to none.

e. In my contacts with the American public directly and with the Congress, I am encouraged by continuing signs of recognition of the importance of our mission and support for the high quality of our work.

f. In sum, I am much encouraged by the progress in this past year. My confidence that we will do as well or better in the years ahead stems from my appreciation of the high quality of the men and women of our Agency. No one could spend a year in the CIA without clearly recognizing how blessed we are by the quality of our people. I appreciate your support greatly and look forward to our continuing to work together.